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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO EVACUATE AMERICAN CITIZENS REMAINING
IN PHNOM PENH

REF: A) BANGKOK 6254; B) BANGKOK 6358; C) BANGKOK 6367

1. REFTTEL C REQUESTS EVACUATION OF APPARENTLY FIVE
ADDITIONAL AMERICAN NEWSMEN AND POSSIBLY 25 THIRD COUNTRY
NATIONALS FROM PHNOM PENH SUBSEQUENT TO THE EVACUATION OF
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SATURDAY APRIL 12.

2. ACCORDING TO REFTELS A AND B, ALL AMERICANS IN PHNOM PENH WERE URGED TO EVACUATE AND THOSE WHO REMAINED BEHIND DID SO OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.

3. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT THE MILITARY THREAT TO PHNOM PENH HAS INCREASED SINCE SATURDAY. FURTHER, IN VIEWLACK OF SECURE COMMUNICATIONS, ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE PICKUP POINT WOULD BE DOUBTFUL. THUS, OPERATIONS TO SAVE THESE FEW WHO REMAINED BEHIND OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL BY AN EAGLE PULL NUMBER TWO WOULD RISK THE LIVES OF MANY AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO EVEN ORGANIZE A RESCUE OPERATION. YOU SHOULD URGENTLY CONTACT THEM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN CONSIDER POSSIBLE WAYS TO GET THEM OUT.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS IN PHNOM PENH HAVE ALSO REMAINED BEHIND AND APPARENTLY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OPPOSITION ON A SAFE HAVEN HOTEL. IF THEY ARE STILL THERE THE NEWSMEN MIGHT CONTACT THEM. ALTERNATIVELY, THE EMPLOYERS OF THE CONCERNED NEWSMEN MIGHT USE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CHANNELS TO CONVEY TO THE KHMER ROUGE THEIR INTEREST IN THE SAFETY OF THESE NEWSMEN AND OTHER FOREIGNERS IN PHNOM PENH. KISSINGER

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